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MONTEREY NEWS

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PROPOSED TOWN SEAL

OUR TOWN

GARFIELD DAM

Progress on completing the legal and business steps so that work can begin on the Lake Garfield Dam is proceeding steadily. The Department of Public Works is now advertising for bids on the dam. It is also advertising on bids on drilling the well which must replace the spring. This spring currently supplies a number of families in that area of the lake. The purchase of land adjoining the new area is expected to be completed by December 1.

When all of the above transactions are completed, then actual work that shows up in physical changes of the land will start to take place. It is expected that the cleaning up of the swamp will begin while it is frozen. From that point on, the long period of planning and negotiation will begin to show itself in actual construction.

ROUTE 23

The Route 23 relocation project in Monterey is coming into the news again. This has by all odds been one of the most controversial issues to hit Monterey in many a year.

The project has come to focus especially at this time because it was on the agenda of the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission. Action is being deferred because the Department of Public Works has not completed an environmental impact statement on the proposed relocation. According to District Highway Engineer Dean P. Amidon, the statement will likely take from four to six months to complete.

This report, it goes without saying, is very central to the controversy that has been raised in Monterey over the whole project. Though there are various personal considerations as to why residents of Monterey may favor or oppose the road relocation, the effect on the ecology of the area is the prime issue in the arguments pro and con. The report is required by the State in any instance. Furthermore, the report is crucial to help get factual data before the residents of Monterey, who are divided over the effect the proposed relocation would have on the Town's natural resources.

It appears that the official bodies of the Town quite generally favor the relocation project. The Selectmen have indicated they favor it. Recently the Monterey Planning Board made a statement favoring the proposed relocation. The Planning Board in Otis has registered its approval, since Route 23 is the main connecting transportation link between the two towns. The Conservation Commission has taken no position regarding the relocation plans. Albert Phoenix, Chairman, has indicated that the number one concern of the Commission currently is to get the dam and lake project completed. In order to accomplish this, the Commission, for the time being, is not taking a stand on the Route 23 question.

Karl Hekler, Director of the Berkshire Planning Commission, told also of the statements the Commission had received opposing the relocation of Route 23. These consist of some 20 letters. In addition, it is opposed by the Save Scenic Monterey group which has stated its position to the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission.

ART GALLERY AND ANTIQUE SHOP

In a recent meeting of the Board of Appeals, Mia Le Comte was granted a variance for setting up an art gallery and antique shop. This variance was granted with the following restrictions: 1)that it is non-transferable; 2) no merchandise must be displayed out of doors; 3) there may be only one sign out of doors.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

Until spring, there is only one Mass at 10 a.m. on Sunday at the Immaculate Conception Church in Mill River.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes

Morning Worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . .Sermons on Ephesians which the minister has been preaching will be suspended following the first Sunday in Advent and will be continued early in 1972. . . . Laity Sunday was celebrated October 24 with quite a number of the laity participating in the morning worship. Those who had speaking parts were: Elizabeth Bender, Gertrude Gould, Barbara Tryon, Gary Braillier, Donna Braillier, Patricia Howard, Evelyn Chamberlain, Kelly Janes, Hadley Simons and Stephen Morse. . . .Two Golden Wedding Anniversaries recently celebrated and brought to the attention of the Monterey News were: Mr. and Mrs. George Brett on October 29 and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Olds on November 23. Congratulations!! (The Monterey News will be pleased to give news of others who may be having similar celebrations. Send us word.). . . .In Memoriam: Mrs. Henry Fuller.

Organ Work Planned

For some time the organ has been ailing. The congregation voted at a special meeting following the morning worship on Sunday, November 21, to proceed with a special fund-raising campaign to raise the $4,500 to $5,500 needed to do the basic work needed to restore the organ to good working condition. This will not include work on keyboard and tracker action, but this can be done at a later date. The finance committee is sending letters explaining the need for the work and the funds.

Advent Educational Program

During the Advent season beginning on Sunday, November 28 and continuing through Sunday, December 19. There are to be special classes for children up through the sixth grade. The classes will meet each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. Plans are being made to involve the children through an active participation type of session. The first session will involve helping all the children prepare advent candle wreaths to be used in their homes. Succeeding sessions will look toward understanding ways to get ready to celebrate Christmas as a truly Christian festival. The educational program this year is featuring various approaches toward getting the story of our faith expressed.

PHILERGIANS

The Philergians met on November 18 at the home of Mrs. James Gould. We all enjoyed being shown pictures of the trip she and her sister, Mrs. Helen Shaw , took to the Orient last spring.

Our next meeting will be held with Mrs. Frances Tryon at 8 p.m. on December 9. There will be a Teacup Auction.

Margery Janes

LADIES AID

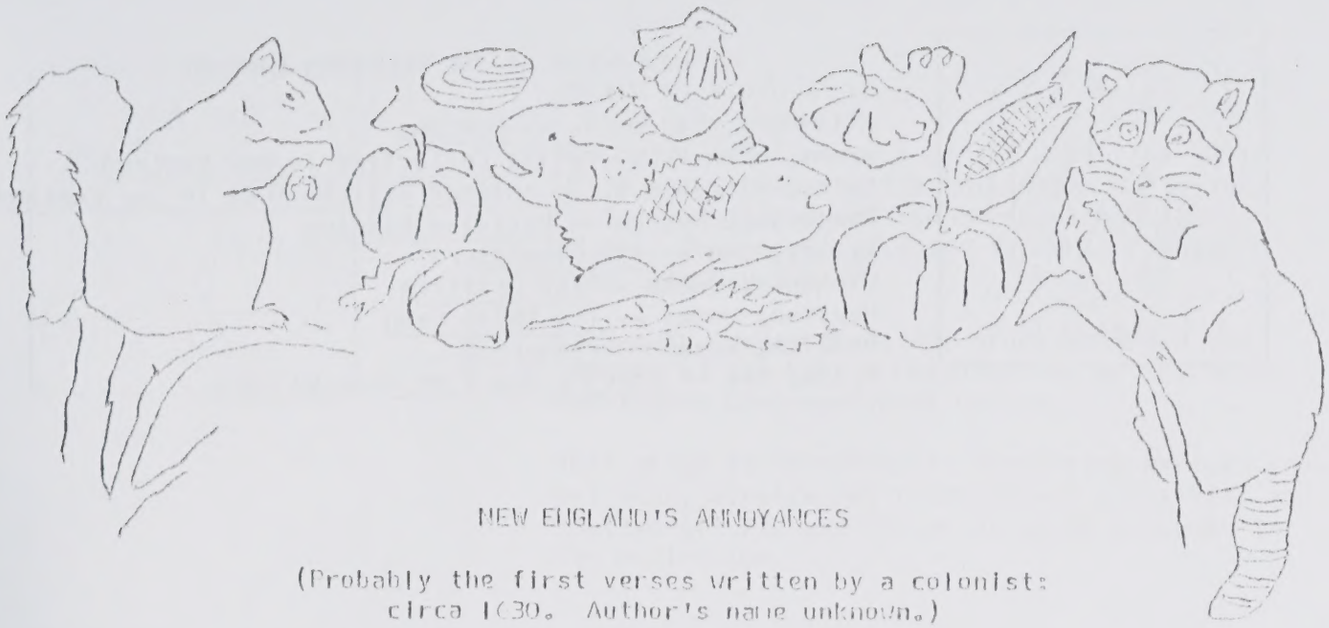
The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Miner on November 4, to elect officers and make plans for the year.

Elected were: Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Helen McKay; Directors, Mrs. Grace Miner, Miss Nina Tryon, Mrs. Belle Weiss, Mrs. Abbie Olds, Mrs. Stella Howes, Mrs. Lucy Smith and Mrs. Lois Winchester.

A Christmas box is being prepared to send to Delmo Housing Corporation, about the first of December. This is an annual project. Anyone wishing to contribute may leave articles at Nina Tryon's or with anyone of the other members. Clothing for all ages and especially baby and childrens' clothing is desired. Games, school supplies and toilet articles are also appreciated. Money is always needed to make up food baskets for aged and destitute. Please everyone help!

Our next meeting will be with Mrs. Lucy Smith on December 2.

Stella Howes



NEW ENGLAND'S ANNOYANCES

(Probably the first verses written by a colonist: circa 1630. Author's name unknown.)

New England's annoyances, you that would know them,
Pray ponder these verses which briefly do show them.

The place where we live is a wilderness wood,
Where grass is much wanting that's fruitful and good:
Our mountains and hills and our valleys below
Being commonly cover'd with ice and with snow:
And when the northwest wind with violence blows,
Then every man pulls his cap over his nose:
But if any's so hardy and will it withstand,
He forfeits a finger, a foot, or a hand.

But when the spring opens, we then take the hoe,
And make the ground ready to plant and to sow;
Our corn being planted and seed being sown,
The worms destroy much before it is grown.
And when it is growing some spoil there is made
By birds and by squirrels that pluck up the blade;
And when it is come to full corn in the ear,
It is often destroy'd by raccoon and by deer.

And now do our garments begin to grow thin,
And wool is much wanted to card and to spin;
If we can get a garment to cover without,
Our other in-garments are clout upon clout:*
Our clothes we brought with us are apt to be torn,
They need to be clouted soon after they're worn;
But clouting our garments they hinder us nothing.
Clouts double are warmer than single whole clothing.

If fresh meat be wanting, to fill up our dish,
We have carrots and pumpkin and turnips and fish:
And is there a mind for a delicate dish,
We repair to the clam banks and <u>there</u> we catch fish.
Our pumpkins and parsnips are common supplies;
We have pumpkins at morning and pumpkins at noon:
If it was not for pumpkins we should be undone.

. . . . . .

Now while some are going let others be coming,
For while liquor's boiling it must have a scumming;
But I will not blame them, for birds of a feather
By seeking their fellows, are flocking together.
But you whom the <u>Lord</u> intends hither to bring,
Forsake not the honey for fear of the sting,
But bring both a quiet and contented mind
And all needful blessings you surely will find.

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NEW BOOKS AT THE MONTEREY LIBRARY

Hilsinger, Serena S. -- Madsong
Adams, John P. -- Bottle Collecting in New England
Bates, Virginia I. -- Antique Bottle Finds in New England
Pausewang, Gudrun -- Bolivian Wedding
Cleary, Jon -- The Liberators
Michener, James -- The Drifters
Houston, James -- The White Dawn
Havatch, Susan -- Penmarric
Brown, Dee -- Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee

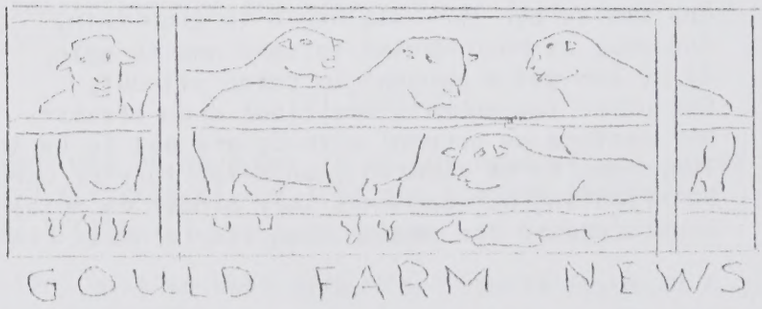
MONTEREY GRANGE

On November 3 we held "Neighbors' Night". Visitors were present from Lee, Lenox, Great Barrington, Sandisfield and Halifax, Florida. They helped us put on the program.

After a short business meeting on November 17, a Stanley Party was held.

On December 1 we will have a Competitive Program between the men and women, captained by Annette Nelson and Floyd McKay.

Eva Jespersen



New Recreational Facility

An area about 90 by 100 feet in back of the duck pond, to the rear of Main House, has been bulldozed and filled as the site of the Farm's new recreational facility. On it has been constructed a full-size tennis court. Adjoining it is a smaller court for basketball, volley ball and shuffleboard. The whole area is macadamized, and a curbing has been erected around part of the basketball court so that it can be flooded for ice skating in winter.

The cost did not come out of the Farm's regular budget. Virtually all the money was raised by special subscription, chiefly from the Farm's directors, staff and guests, and from others interested in sports for young people. Already this latest addition to our facilities for keeping our guests busy and entertained is in daily use.

Wadsworth Mullen

JUNIOR HI YOUTH GROUP

The most recent project of the Junior Hi Youth Group was conducting the Hallowe'en Party for Monterey children and sponsoring the UNICEF drive. The money collected for UNICEF this year totalled $52.78.

On Sunday, November 21 the group attended the showing of "To Kill a Mockingbird" at the Great Barrington Congregational Church.

This group is committed to sponsoring various educational, service and recreational activities and invites all 7th and 8th grade youth to share in its activities.

CUB SCOUTS

New Marlboro has started a new den and Webefo's den is underway. We now have a complete Pack of 26 boys.

The Webelos won 2nd prize in the Hallowe'en Party held in Great Barrington. Their theme was "Ride the Witch's Broom."

Den I in Monterey has been on a few field trips: the Great Barrington Airport, Monterey Fire Department and a 20th Century tepee. They are now studying early colonists.

A pack meeting is planned for December 3 at 7 p.m. in the church social room. Awareds will be given and a fire engine drag race will be held.

Pat Andrus

BROWNIES

During October the Brownies welcomed four new girls into the troop: Alicia Burns, Laurie Carson, Jill Jenssen and Mary Ann Rose.

The girls cut out their own Jack O'Lanterns for Hallowe'en and the following week they had a joint Hallowe'en party with the New Marlboro Brownies.

Mary Jo Lemmerman

GIRL SCOUTS

The older girls took a bicycle hike around Beartown Road. The younger girls are helping Mrs. Pizzichemi make toys for the Toy Fair.

Mary Thorn

MONTEREY YOUTH GROUP

The Monterey Youth Group sponsored an Italian Dinner on Sunday evening November 14 and it was attended by 80 residents of the town.

Following the excellent dinner, we discussed the needs of the youth of Monterey. It provided a good opportunity for the young people to speak directly to the adults regarding their desires for a youth center in the community.

A number of suggestions were made as to what kind of facility would be appropriate. We also considered what process would be necessary in order to realize this goal in the near future.

Several issues became clear in the discussion: (1) That the youth center should not be elaborate or costly, but simple, rugged, and easy to maintain. (2) That any funds necessary for its construction be raised by contributions from the residents of Monterey, rather than through taxes.

It was the sense of the meeting that the Monterey Youth Group develop a proposal to be presented at the Town Meeting in February. Roger Tryon and Cris Criswell were selected to head up the project, at least in its initial phase, and any comments or suggestions from residents should be directed to them.

The spirit of the discussion was very positive. The young people expressed their needs and were realistic about how those needs could be met. The adults expressed good confidence and trust in their ability to act wisely in drawing up a proposal.

It was the kind of meeting where the generations merged to consider a felt need in the community.

Cris Criswell

A Little Music?

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Since the last issue contributions have been received from John Blaney, Mrs. Shaw Dreher, Mrs. Bradford Durfee and Don Klinger.

During the past year we have tried to send copies of THE MONTEREY NEWS to anyone who might be interested to receive it. We have received many heartening letters of appreciation, as well as contributions. With this issue, we are once more asking for your contributions. Please do not feel this appeal is addressed to you if you have made a donation within recent months. We would be particularly interested to receive your comments and to know whether you wish your name kept on the mailing list.

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